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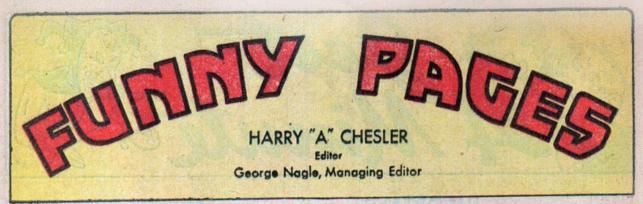
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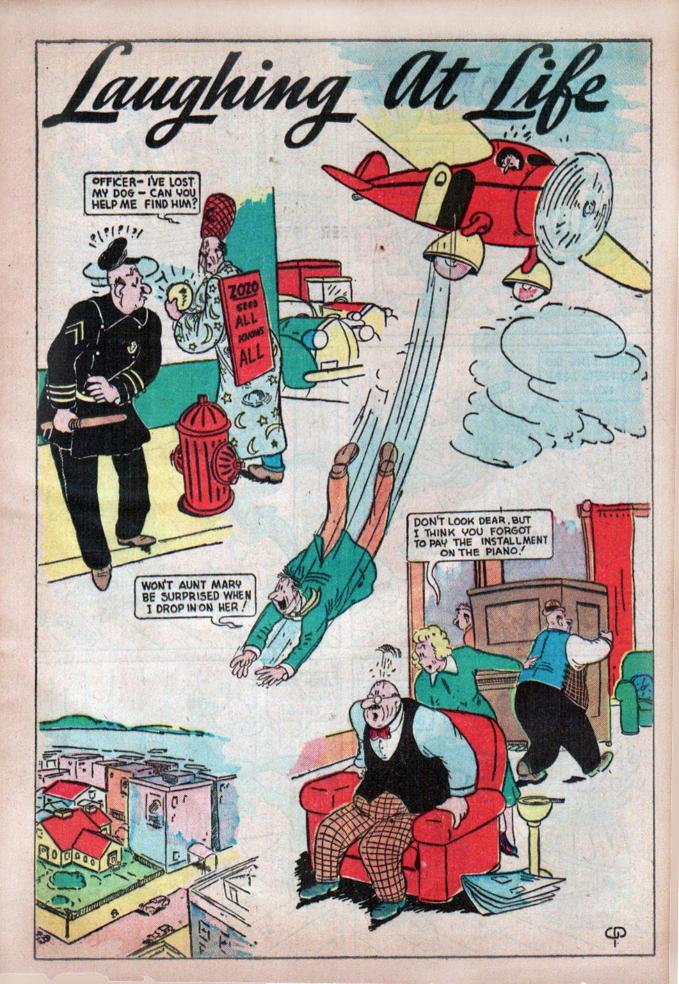
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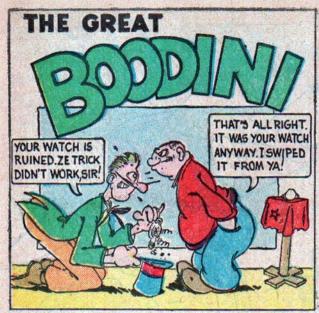
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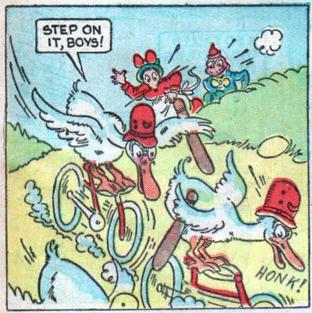








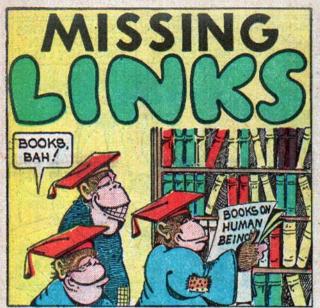






































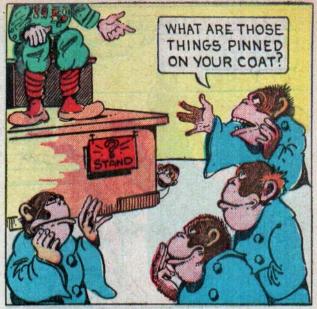




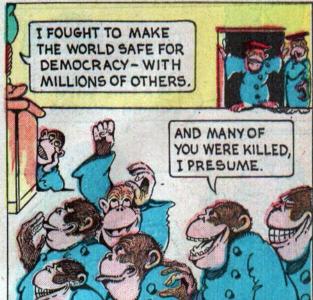










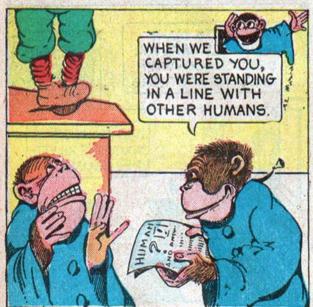


















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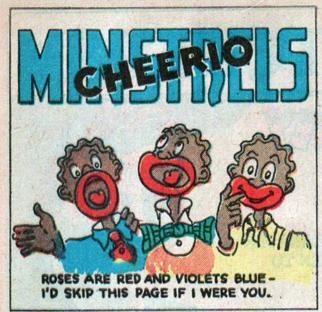
MANAGER OF STEVE DUDAS AND EX-MANAGER
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TIME.

FIRPO WAS A GIANT WITH A CRUSHING PUNCH IN HIS RIGHT HAND. IT WAS ONE OF THESE SMASHING RIGHTS THAT SPILLED DEMPSEY INTO THE LAPS OF THE PRESSMEN WHO ASSISTED HIM BACK INTO THE RING. DEMPSEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISQUALIFIED BUT GARTLAND, WHO WAS IN FIRPO'S CORNER, FAILED TO PROTEST. MS CARNEY WAS FURIOUS AT GARTLAND FOR THIS AND THUS BEGAN THE RING'S MOST FAMOUS FEUD.

IN 1936 WHEN STEVE DUDAS, MANAGED BY MCCARNEY, FOUGHT BUDDY RAYN MANAGED BY GARTLAND, THEY ENDED A FEUD THAT LASTED 13 YEARS.















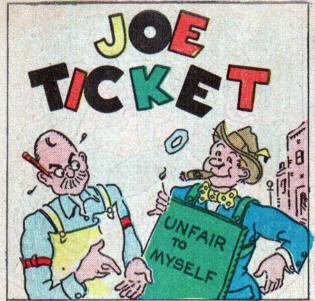


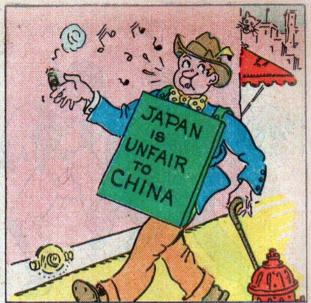


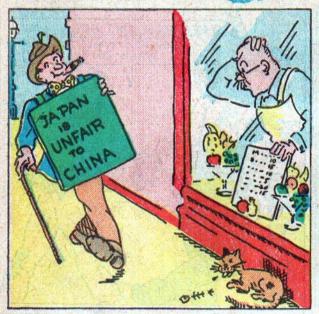








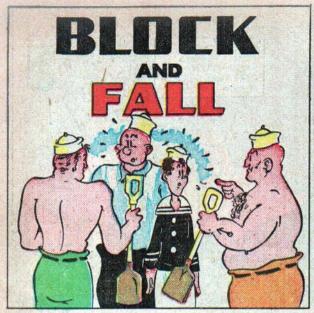
















































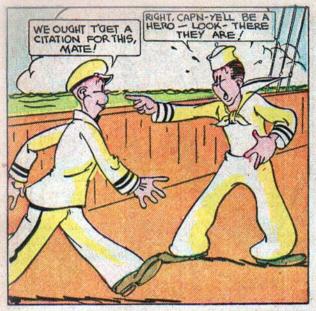


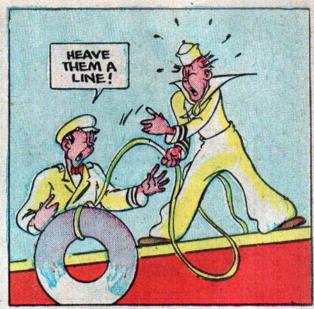






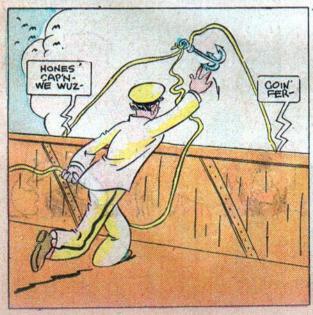






































JIM THORP

GENUINE SAC INDIAN AND ONE OF THE GREATEST ALL AROUND ATHE-LETES OF ALL TIME. HE WAS A TOP-NOTCHER IN SUCH SPORTS AS FOOTBALL, BASEBALL, AND ON THE TRACK.

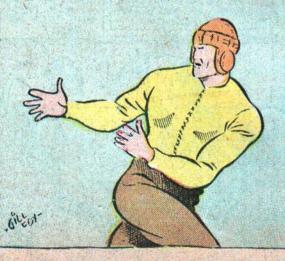




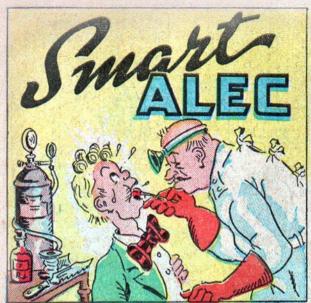
IN 1917, THORP WAS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN OLYMPIC TEAM COMPETING IN STOCKHOLM. HIS VICTORIES IN THE DECATHLON AND PENTATHLON SO IMPRESSED THE EUROPEAN'S THAT HE WAS DECORATED BY THE KING OF SWEDEN

THE YEAR 1915 FOUND HIM A MEMBER OF THE GIANTS UNDER, MCGRAW. IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE HE WAS ONE OF THEIR FOREMOST BASE RUNNERS.



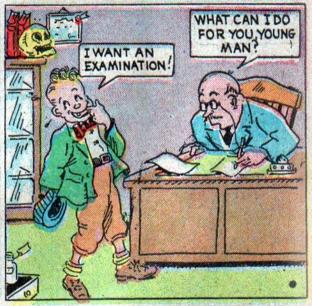


IT WAS HIS ACHIEVEMENTS IN FOOTBALL FOR WHICH HE WAS MOST NOTED. COACHED BY POP WARNER, HELPED THE CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL TO WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1912, AND MADE THE ALL AMERICAN TEAM THE SAME YEAR.













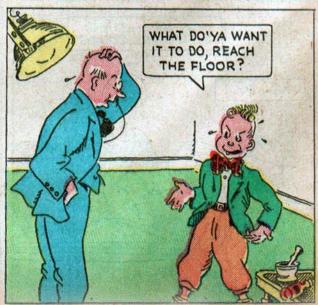














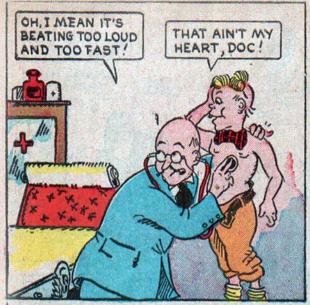


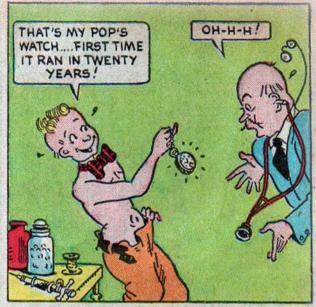


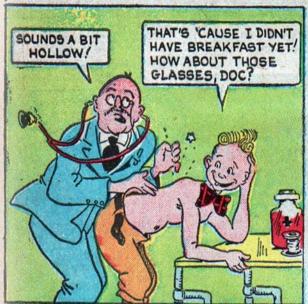










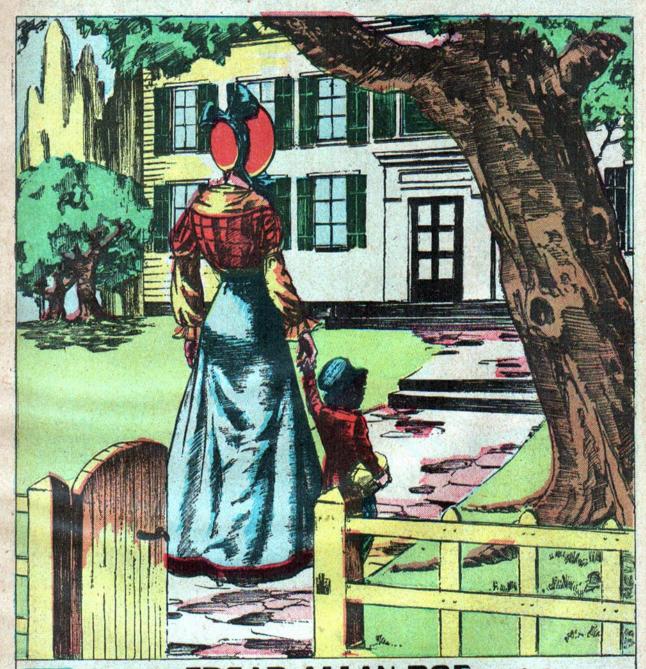




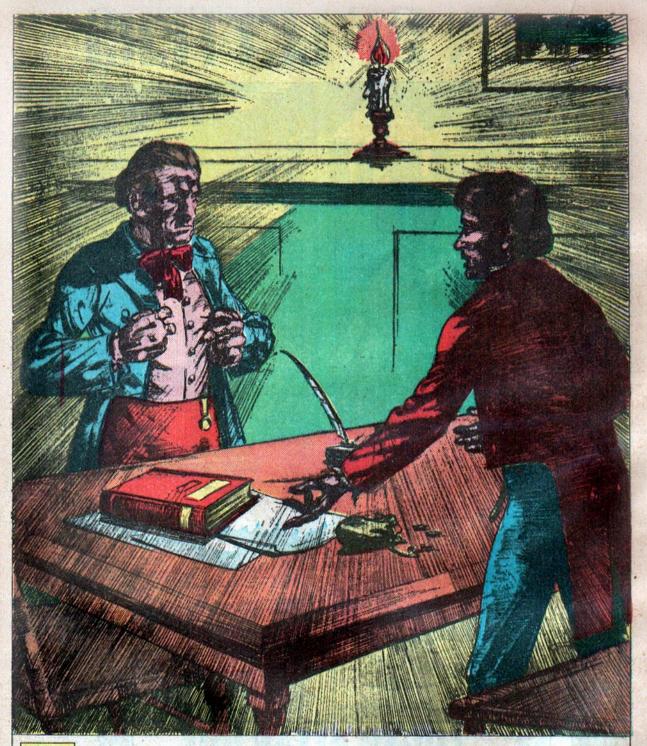




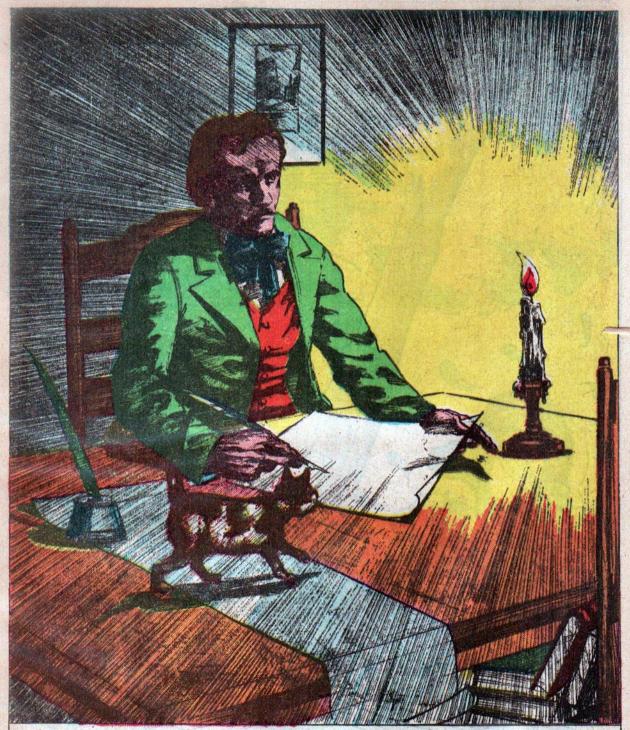
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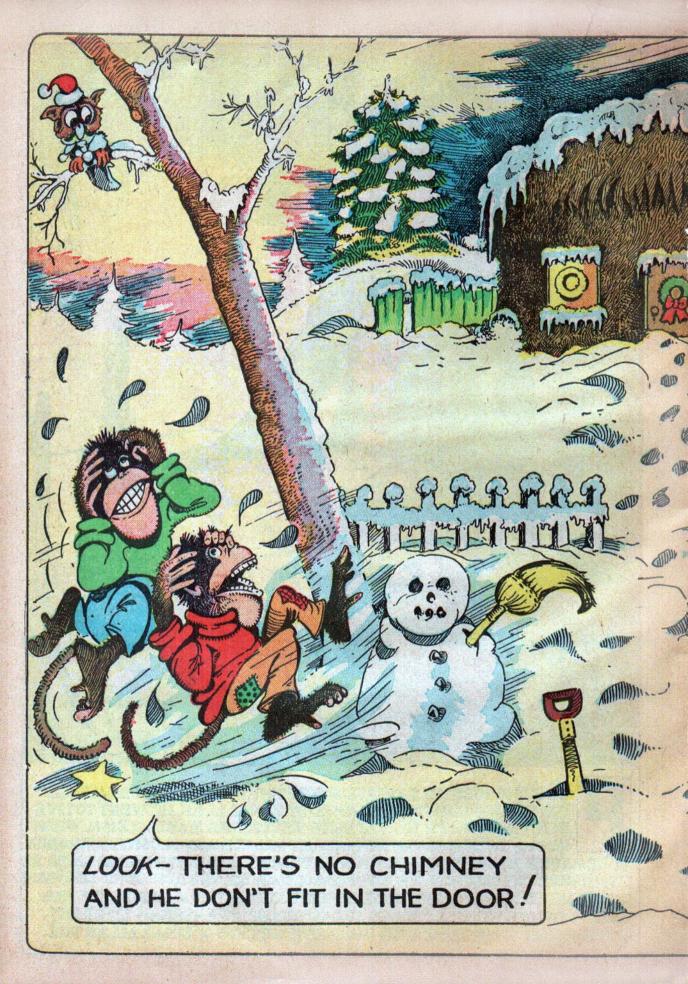
O LITERARY CAREER WAS MORE UNFORTUNATE THAN THAT OF EDGAR ALLAN POE, THE AUTHOR OF "THE GOLD BUG," THE RAVEN", "THE NARRATIVE OF ARTHUR GORDON PYM, AND ALL TOO FEW OTHER BRILLIANT GEMS OF AMERICAN PROSE AND FOETRY. A BEAUTIFUL, SENSITIVE BOY, THE SON OF POOR ACTORS, HE WAS AN ORPHAN AT THE AGE OF THREE. FOLLOWING HIS MOTHER'S DEATH, HE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOME OF FRANCES ALLAN, WIFE OF JOHN ALLAN, A PROSPEROUS RICHMOND, VIRGINIA MERCHANT.

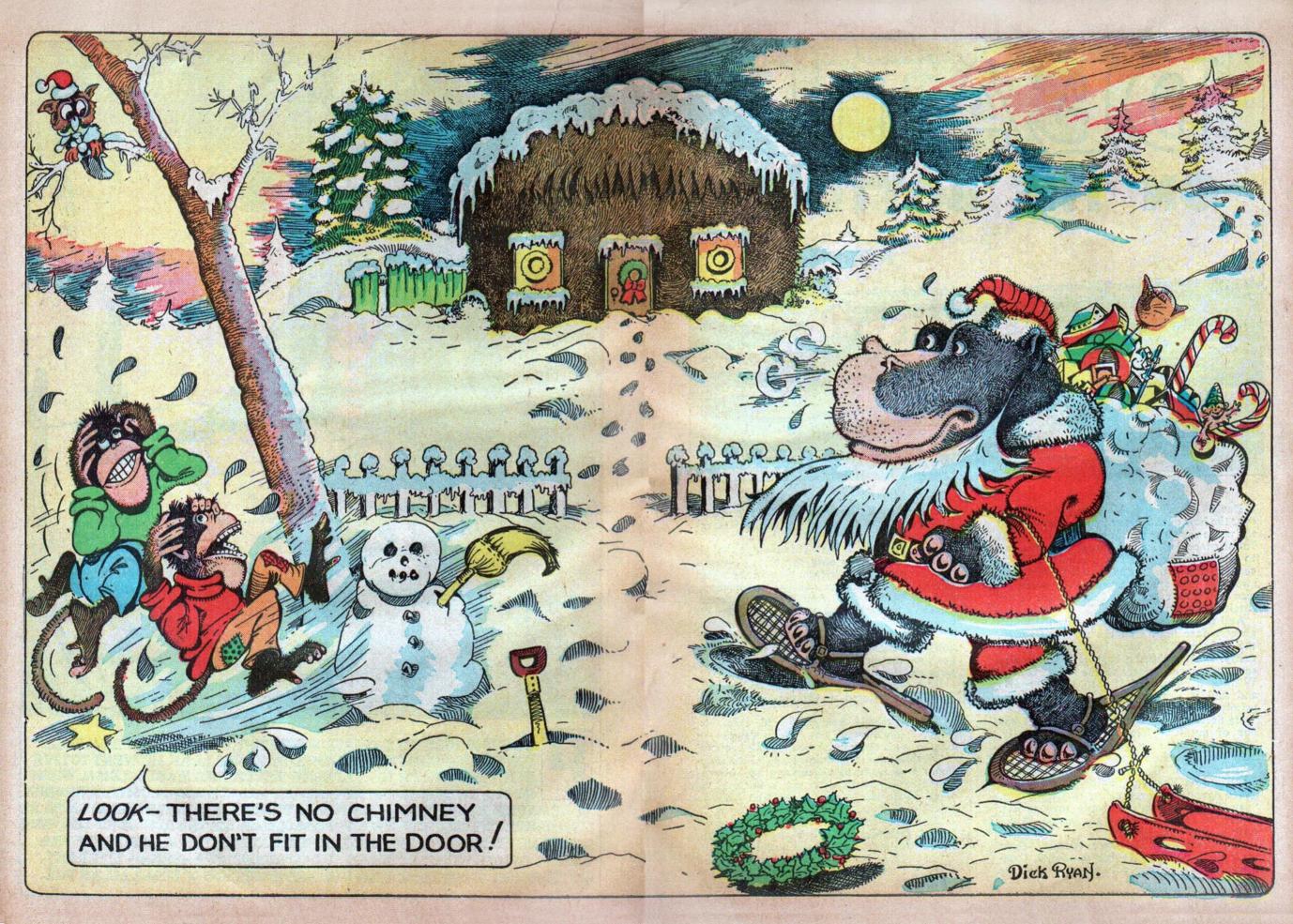


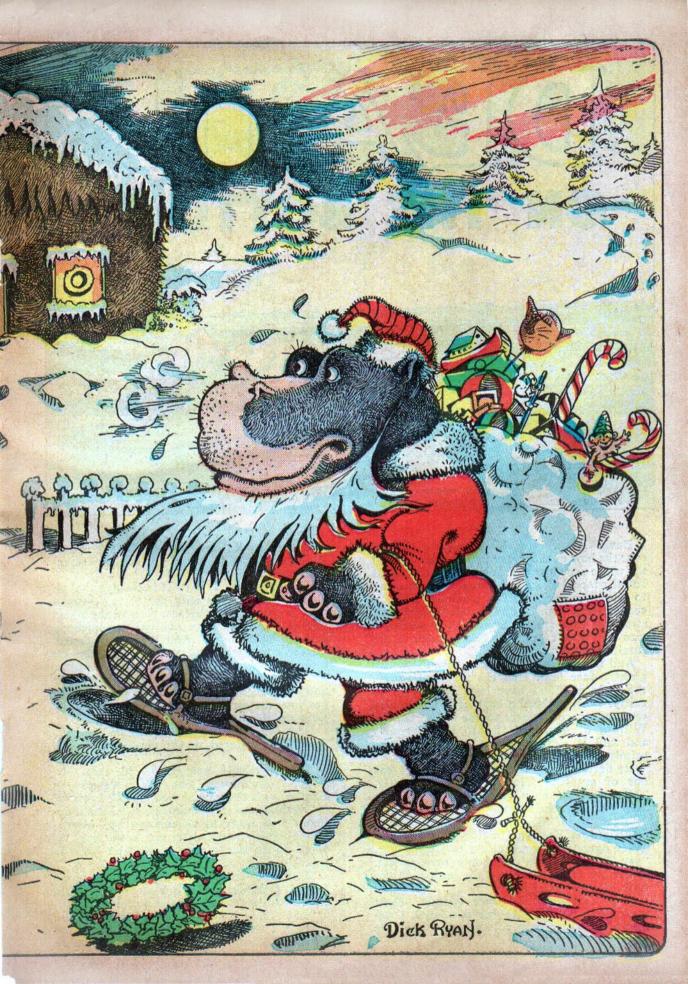
N THE ATMOSPHERE OF THIS STERN SCOTCH HOUSEHOLD HE GREW TO YOUNG MANHOOD, BEING ALTERNATELY PAMPERED BY FRANCES ALLAN AND REPRIMANDED BY HIS GODFATHER, JOHN ALLAN, AT WHOSE STINGINESS AND EVER VIGILANT CENSURE THE SPIRITED YOUTH OFTEN REBELLED. FINALLY, TO RID HIS HOUSE OF HIS "TROUBLESOME" WARD, JOHN ALLAN SENT POE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, ALLOWING HIM INSUFFICIENT MONEY FOR HIS ACTUAL NECESSITIES. POE TOOK TO GAMBLING TO PAY HIS DEBTS AND FINALLY WAS FORCED TO LEAVE THE UNIVERSITY.

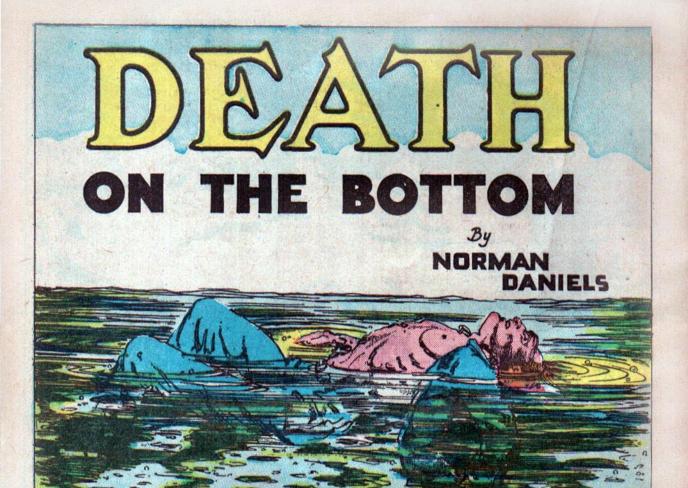


OE SUBSEQUENTLY ENTERED WEST POINT, BUT WAS SOON DISMISSED FOR INSUBORDINATION. DISOWNED BY JOHN ALLAN, HE WENT TO LIVE IN POVERTY WITH HIS FATHER'S SISTER, MRS. MARIA CLEMM. WHEN HE WAS TWENTY-SEVEN HE MARRIED MRS. CLEMM'S DAUGHTER, VIRGINIA. HE REMAINED A DEVOTED HUSBAND UNTIL VIRGINIA DIED ELEVEN YEARS LATER. HE LIVED UNDER THE PROTECTIVE WING OF MRS. CLEMM FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE, WHICH LASTED BUT TWO YEARS AFTER HIS WIFE'S DEATH. THOUGH THE MAN HIMSELP WAS UNABLE TO COPE WITH THE WORLD, THE OUTSTANDING AMERICAN LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE PERIOD WERE IMAGINATIVE CREATIONS OF EDGAR ALLAN POE.









David Dean, intrepid adventurer, leaned over the bow of the motor launch and watched the white caps intently. A call from the Naval Intelligence Service had brought him rushing to the submarine testing grounds. After a consultation with Navy Officials he had been sworn in as a special agent. They needed a man who wasn't known to be a member of the Intelligence Service.

And it was Dave Dean who saw the white ghostly face first. Had the sea been rough, the body wouldn't have been discovered so easily. Dean grabbed a boat hook and gently eased the corpse closer to the motor launch. Willing hands lifted it into the gunwales and laid it gently down. Dean's face was grimly set and his fists clenched.

He drew a sharp breath. "Jay Connors was one of my best friends," he said quietly. "That was the only reason I consented to help you. Now he's dead."

"Easy, Dean." Commander Rollins, in command of the Eastern Unit of Naval Intelligence operation moved closer to Dean's side. "Jay Connors wasn't the only man to die. There are seven others on the bottom in the hulk of that submarine."

"But Connors and I were friends," Dean went on doggedly. "He was murdered, Commander, Murdered in cold blood, I know he was." Commaner Rollins frowned and the end of his cigar glowed brightly as he took a tremen-

dous puff on it.

"I won't say as to that. It is strange though that Connors is the only one of the trapped men to come to the surface. How in the world did he get out of that sub unless somebody left the hatch open? And if that happened, we have another question. How did the six others get away? Elisha Abbott—the inventor of that submarine, his navigator, engineer and three members of the crew were able to get into the air lock and get out before she sank too deeply."

Dean was kneeling beside the body of his friend, He pointed to the dead man's right

hand.

"It's smashed! Somebody did that, sir. Why, I don't know, but before we go any further with this case, I want to ask a favor."

"Nothing doing," Commander Rollins snapped. "You want to accompany the experimental cruise of the sister sub to the one that went down last night. I can't let you do that."

Dean stood looking down at the body of his friend. Commander Rollins stroked his chin thoughtfully. Then he made a decision.

"I've changed my mind. It's your job if you want it. I think we may be wrong in assuming the S-38 sank because of sabotage. There

could have been some technical fault. Even Abbott admits that."

"Maybe," Dean said grimly, "but I want to be sure. Thank you, sir—for the opportunity."

Dave Dean adjusted his uniform hat and scanned himself in the mirror before he left his hotel room. He was dressed as a Lieutenant of the United States Navy. His position aboard the S-39 was that of naval observer from the Pacific Fleet.

Elisha Abbott he found to be a preoccupied, nervous old man worn to a near breakdown by his narrow escape from death and the loss of his submarine. With him in his office were two of his men. Bainter was the navigator and Capen the engineer. They too were shaken from their ghastly experience. Bainter explained to Dave what had happened.

"We had submerged. I had just closed the hatch of the conning tower, but I had left the inner hatch open, which saved our lives. We went down about twenty fathoms, I think. Then the sub listed to port badly. Things began to fly around the control room. I ran for the hatch. Water began to seep in. I took command. The men forward were able to get into the air lock under the hatch and get out. I wanted to look for the other poor devils, but there wasn't time. That sub was doomed and I knew it."

Dave nodded sadly. "She may have struck a submerged wreck. We'll know if they ever float her again. How about the S-39? Has she been checked?"

"Perfectly," Bainter said. "I went over the

whole ship myself. So did your own navy engineers and Mr. Abbott, too. This one won't sink. It'll be too bad if she does. Abbott has worked for years perfecting these subs."

Dave was one of the last to board the sleek submarine as it lay just out of dry dock. He walked across a narrow gangplank and stepped to the bridge. A navy cutter stood by, ready to sail in the wake of the sub. Three navy officers came aboard. They had been warned to expect Dave and the men exchanged salutes and greetings. One of them, Commander Evans, took Dave aside.

"What do you think of it?" he asked. "Was

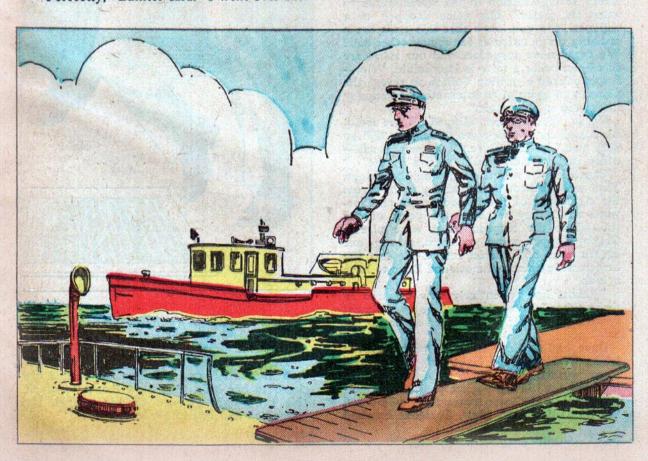
the sinking of the S-38 an accident?"

"I don't know, sir," Dave said. "It looks very odd. The ship had been checked and nothing was wrong when she submerged. Abbott has worried for months over the possibilities of spies getting aboard and stealing his secrets. It may be that a bomb was planted to blow the sub up, but I don't see the advantage of destroying the sub unless Abbott's plans have been copied and this craft we're on now is a duplicate of the first. A spy would have to destroy both."

"Which," the navy officer remarked slowly, "is what I'm afraid of. Got to go below. Better come along. They'll be closing the main hatch

soon."

Dave went below. He had been on submarines before, but he had never experienced the same feeling that possessed him when the hatch closed with a grim thud of finality.



Dave could almost feel the fanning breeze of Death as the hatch was closed.

Bainter, in the control room, shouted an

order through his phone.

"All hatches closed! Ready to submerge! Open number five port main ballast. Open number nine starboard main ballast."

The submarine began to move. The floor slanted forward a little. They were nosing down. Bainter spun the periscope, looking for craft that might be approaching. He saw only the cutter standing by and barked further orders. More ballast tanks were flooded. The Diesel motors pumped air from the reservoir and the sleek submarine's keel leveled off. Abbott, trembling like a leaf in the wind, walked across the control room and took over the operation of the sub.

"I can't understand it," Abbott said for the tenth time. "I went over the S-38 from stem to stern. There wasn't a thing wrong with it. Somebody must have opened a hatch or smashed a hole in the side of the craft. She

flooded in three minutes."

"It must have been an accident," Dave tried to reassure the old man. "Tell you what I'll do—I'll search this ship now. How many men

are aboard?"

"Besides ourselves, seven men," Abbott said. "Just enough to operate the craft. Be careful, young man. The sinking of the S-38 was not an accident. I know it wasn't. There were spies aboard—or they fixed that ship to sink before we submerged. They don't want the United States to have this sub. Every foreign nation in the world wants to learn its secret." His voice dropped to a whisper. "Do you know that this craft has a cruising range twice as far as any other sub? We carry more torpedoes and our tubes are so efficient that a miss is impossible. Why—I was offered a million dollars to reveal the plans to an agent of an international company interested in war craft."

Capen, the engineer, slipped off the metal stool near the engine room telephone. "I'll go with you," he told Dave. "I know this sub every inch of her. You'll need a guide."

Capen led the way through a bulkhead door. They walked through the battery room, across the steel floor of the torpedo room and forward until they were in the prow of the sub where the torpedo tubes were placed. Capen stepped close to them, swung one breech open and peered inside. He left the breech wide open and motioned Dave to have a look.

"Abbott has an entirely new creation in those tubes," he explained. "He uses almost twice as much air to fire them as any other sub."

Dave had to bend down to peer into the tubes. Suddenly the lights in the torpedo room winked out. Dave straightened up, reaching for his hip pocket and the gun holstered there. He heard a crunching sound and the thud of a hard blow. Someone brushed



against him. A burly arm was wrapped around his neck and the assailant's other hand was utilized in pinning Dave's arms to his sides.

He was released a second later and intuition told him what would happen. He jerked his head to one side. The blow meant to crack his skull only glanced off his temple. He stumbled and fell to his knees.



His assailant used his feet. One shoe clipped Dave a savage kick alongside the head. He fell flat against the cold bottom of the sub. Dazed, he couldn't resist when he felt himself picked up. There was a slight creaking sound. He knew what that was. The breech of the torpedo tube was being opened wider. Feet first, he was thrust into the tube. Thoughts of the horrible death that would follow brought Dave back to his senses. He knew that the moment the breech closed, air would hiss into the tube. There would be a click and he would become a human projectile, launched into the sea thirty or forty fathoms below the surface. Compression would kill him instantly.

He grabbed the round edge of the tube and hung on, desperately fighting for strength: He heard the killer mutter beneath his breath. The breech of the tube swung shut and Dave almost screamed aloud at the agony when the heavy piece of metal closed on his hand.

With a last effort he pushed against the breech. Sheer desperation lent him added strength. He managed to get both arms through. The killer growled curses, swung the breech wide and prepared to slam it home. He stood a foot away. Dave drew back one arm as far as he could and shot a powerful blow to the pit of the stomach that loomed up in the darkness before him. The killer groaned, doubled up and backed away a step or two. Hastily Dave squirmed out of the tube.

He heard someone run lightly across the steel floor. At the other end of the sub, the members of the crew were shouting in fear. Then the lights flashed on mysteriously. Dave dragged himself across the floor toward a body that lay crumbled in a heap against the wall. It was Capen, the engineer. He stirred as Dave approached.

"W-what happened?" He stroked a lump on his head. "I-I was struck-just after the

lights went out."

"So was I," Dave said brusquely. "And I was stuck into that torpedo tube you so handily opened. It was only pure luck that I'm not shooting through the water this minute. Did you see anything of the man who hit you?"

"All I saw was stars," Capen struggled to his feet and patted the lump on his head tenderly. "Who put out the lights is what I want to know.'

"Let's go back to the control room," Dave suggested. "And watch yourself from now on. Whoever tried to kill us may try again."

Dave nursed his right hand as he walked behind Capen. There was a blue welt across the back of it. Suddenly Dave drew a sharp breath. Jay Connors' hand had been smashed -just as his own would have been crushed had the killer swung the breech home. Connors had been thrust into one of the torpedo tubes on the S-38, but his attempts to save himself had gone for nothing. The killer had slammed the breech closed, turned on the air and fired his human projectile into the water.

Dave could feel tiny beads of perspiration form on the back of his neck. The killer wouldn't stop now. He had to sink this sub.

The crew in the battery room were white with fear. Dave lined them up, questioned each one and learned that all had been in the battery room when the lights winked off.



He hurried to the control room. Abbott, hardly able to walk through terror, was tottering toward the telephones. Bainter, the navigator, was at the periscope.

"We can't stay down here." Bainter said tensely. "We'll all be killed. Those lights

didn't go off for nothing."

"You're right they didn't." Capen put in. "Somebody slugged me and tried to use Lieutenant Dean as a torpedo."

"Was everyone in this room when the lights

went out?" Dave demanded.

Commander Evans spoke first. "No one except myself was in here. The others were on an inspection tour of the number one port ballast tank. Abbott was showing them around.

Abbott raised his worried face and looked

into Dave's steady eyes.

"You-you don't think I did it?" he asked in a quavering voice. "You don't think I-

I tried to kill you?"

"Somebody did," Dave snapped, "And whoever it was may try again. In case this sub sinks, are there any means of escaping from it?"

Bainter, the navigator, stepped from his

post at the periscope.

Those who may be near the main hatch can get into it, one at a time. We can shoot air into it to hold back the sea when the top hatch is opened. It takes two minutes for each man to be released."

"And you are equipped with safety lungs,

nose clips and all the other provisions meant to save the life of the man on his way to the surface?"

"Of course," Bainter said. "Every person aboard is provided with the lungs and clips. Yours is on that bench over there, Lieutenant. Sorry-I meant to point it out when you came aboard."

Dave walked over to the bench. There were a dozen of the devices meant to save the lives of anyone trapped on the sub. He picked one up at random. It bore a tag with the name of Abbott on it.

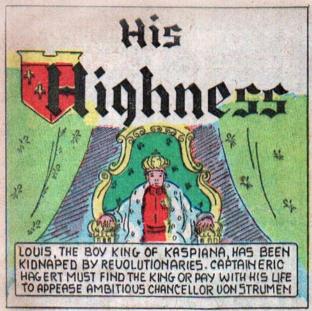
"I think we ought to put it back," Abbott said nervously. "I-I'm an old man. I couldn't stand another trip back to the surface with

one of those lungs on."

"Nonsense," Capen interjected. "If there is a killer aboard, he won't try to sink this sub unless he is certain he can get away himself. I move that all those safety lungs be kept under guard Without one, the man who attacked Lieutenant Connors and me would hardly dare to try any sabotage."

Dave turned around with one of the masks in his hand "There isn't much use in depending on these," he announced bluntly. "All but two of them are ruined. The air tubes have been stopped up on some, broken on others. Should anyone try to reach the surface with one of these over his mouth, he'd drown before he was halfway up if the compression didn't get him first."

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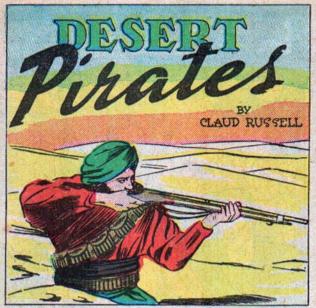


















THE SLEEPING CARAVAN AWAKENS AND BECOMES A BEE-HIVE OF ACTIVITY, THEY PREPARE FOR THE DAYS JOURNEY OVER THE BURNING SANDS



THE SUN RISES AND SHEDS ITS BRILLIANT LIGHT OVER SAND DUNES AND CARAVAN.

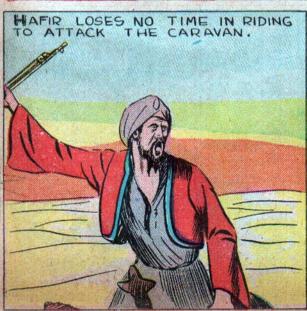


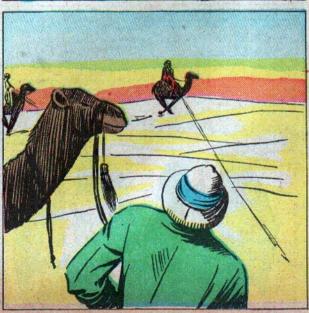


















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SNEAKING UP ON THE UNSUSPECTING GUARDS, MOORE AND DICK OVERPOWER THEM QUICKLY.















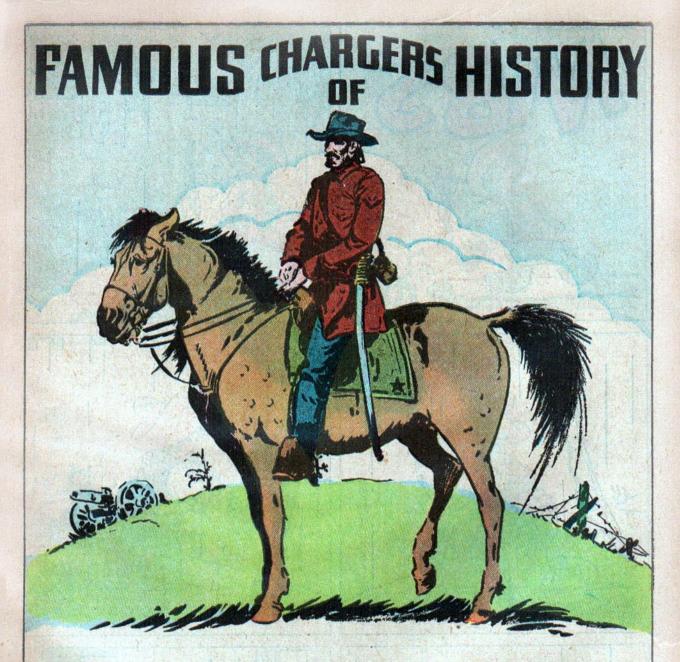












PRESIDENTS TAFT, WILSON AND HARDING, PREFERRED THE CAR OR CARRIAGE, BUT TEDDY ROOSEVELT AND CALVIN COOLIDGE LOVED HORSES. GENERAL PERSHING'S BIG STATUE WILL SHOW HIM SEATED ON A HORSE.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT RODE BUCEPHALUS; NAPOLEON RODE MARENGO; THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON RODE COPENHAGEN; WASHINGTON RODE THE HANDSOME CHARGER NELSON, WHEN RECEIVING THE SURRENDER OF CORNWALLIS' ARMY AT YORKTOWN.

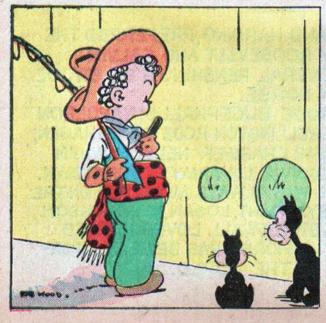
GENERAL ZACHARY TAYLOR WAS ALWAYS MOUNTED ON THE WELL KNOWN HORSE, OLD WHITEY. GRANT, LOGAN, LEE, JACKSON. SHERMAN, SHERIDAN, AND LONGSTREET, ALL LOVED HORSES AND WERE GOOD HORSEMEN. THE HORSE HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT FIGURE IN THE HISTORY, OF THE WORLD.









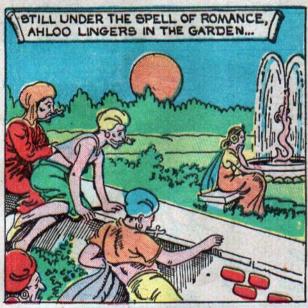


















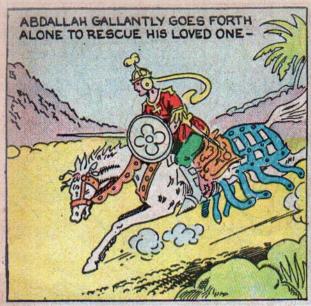




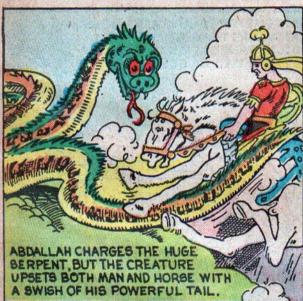








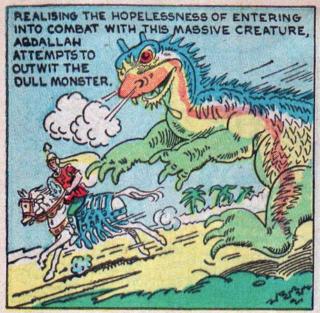




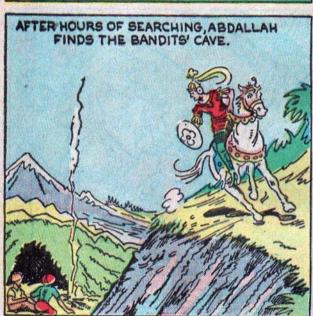
















































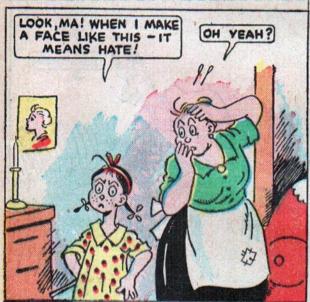








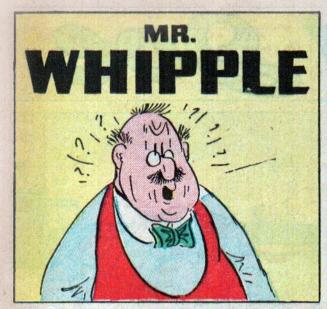
















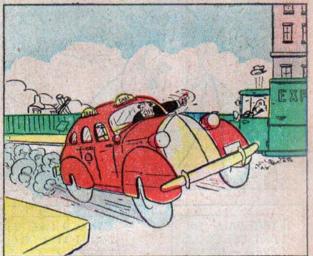


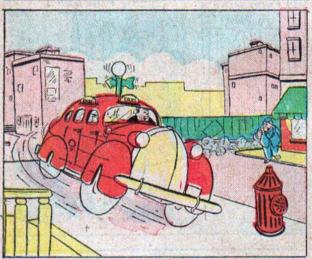




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NOW TAKE A SWIG OR TWO OF THIS ", SAID'

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READ, "THIS WILL REDUCE"

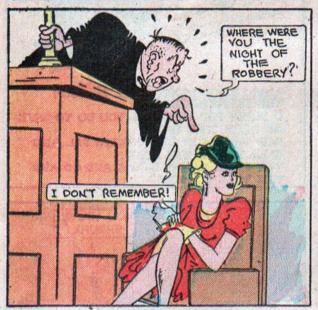
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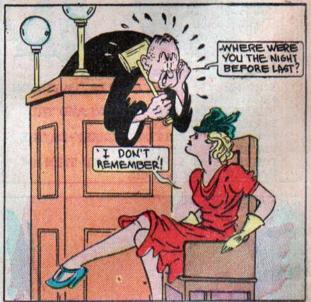
AND WHEN THE BIG DAY ROLLED AROUND, THE FARMER GOT A SHOCK, WHEN HE CAME TO LAY THE GOBBLERS HEAD UPON THE CHOPPING BLOCK, HE TOOK ONE LOOK AND SAID, "HO HO, I'LL HAVE TO PASS YOU UP."

YOU ARE TOO OLD AND THIN TO DIE. "HE HE, SAID DINKY PUP.



























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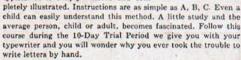
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